

Application Serial No.: 10/621,714
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
dated November 15, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 18 are presently active in this case, as set forth in the Amendment filed on August 18, 2005.

The Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 15, 2005. The Notice indicated that the Amendment was non-compliant because “changes have been made to claim 6 with out indicating the claim as currently amended or markings to indicate the changes.” The Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion. In the Amendment filed on August 18, 2005, Claim 6 was labeled with a status identifier indicating that the claim was “Currently Amended,” and the claim was amended on lines 2-3 to delete the word “a” and insert the word “said.” Thus, the Applicants submit that the Amendment filed on August 18, 2005, met the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, and therefore no corrected section need be submitted.

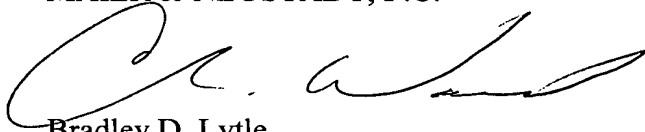
Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and the Applicants respectfully request the consideration of the Amendment filed on August 18, 2005.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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